

AN ACT relating to physician assistants.

***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

➔Section 1. KRS 311.856 is amended to read as follows:

A supervising physician shall:

- (1) Restrict the services of a physician assistant to services within the physician assistant's scope of practice and to the provisions of KRS 311.840 to 311.862;
- (2) Prohibit a physician assistant from prescribing or dispensing controlled substances;
- (3) Inform all patients in contact with a physician assistant of the status of the physician assistant;
- (4) Post a notice stating that a physician assistant practices medicine or osteopathy in all locations where the physician assistant may practice;
- (5) Require a physician assistant to wear identification that clearly states that he or she is a physician assistant;
- (6) Prohibit a physician assistant from independently billing any patient or other payor for services rendered by the physician assistant;
- (7) If necessary, participate with the governing body of any hospital or other licensed health care facility in a credentialing process established by the facility;
- (8) Not require a physician assistant to perform services or other acts that the physician assistant feels incapable of carrying out safely and properly;
- (9) Maintain adequate, active, and continuous supervision of a physician assistant's activities to assure that the physician assistant is performing as directed and complying with the requirements of KRS 311.840 to 311.862 and all related administrative regulations;
- (10) **Outline the specific parameters for review in the application required by KRS 311.854. Countersignature requirements shall be determined by the supervising physician, practice, or institution**~~[review and countersign a sufficient number of overall medical notes written by the physician assistant to ensure quality of care]~~

~~provided by the physician assistant but, at a minimum, a supervising physician shall review and countersign at least ten percent (10%) of these overall medical notes every thirty (30) days. A countersignature shall not be required prior to orders being executed};~~

- (11) (a) Reevaluate the reliability, accountability, and professional knowledge of a physician assistant two (2) years after the physician assistant's original licensure in this Commonwealth and every two (2) years thereafter; and
- (b) Based on the reevaluation, recommend approval or disapproval of licensure or renewal to the board; and
- (12) Notify the board within three (3) business days if the supervising physician:
  - (a) Ceases to supervise or employ the physician assistant; or
  - (b) Believes in good faith that a physician assistant violated any disciplinary rule of KRS 311.840 to 311.862 or related administrative regulations.